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1. FRONTPAGE STORIES AND EDITORIALS IN TUESDAY (SEPT 16)
TURKISH PRESS GAVE HEAVY EMPHASIS TO CYPRUS, THE EMBARGO
AND NATO SEC-GEN LUNS STATEMENT.

2. MASS CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN AND LIBERAL REFORMIST
MILLIYET REPORTED IMPENDING DELIVERY FROM ITALY OF 18
F-104'S. THE DELIVERIES WILL START IN OCTOBER. ACCORDING
TO THESE REPORTS, THE CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE WAS SIGNED
HOURS BEFORE THE EMBARGO WENT INTO EFFECT.

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3. WRITING IN GUNAYDIN, RESIT ASCIOGLU COMMENTED ON NATO

SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS'S REMARKS IN THE UNITED STATES.

ASCIOGLU WROTE THAT LUN'S STATEMENTS HAD "ELECTRIFIED THE TENSE ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE OPPOSITION AND RULING PARTIES..." SUCH OUTSIDE EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE TURKISH ELECTIONS ARE COMMON, ASCIOGLU SAID. HE WENT ON: "BUT AS FOR THE REMARKS BY SECRETARY GNERAL LUNS, WE MAY SAY THIS: 'IN OUR OPINION LUNS'S REMARKS DO NOT COUNT MUCH AND THEY CANNOT HELP THE DEMIREL COALITION IN WINNING VOTES'... ECEVIT WITH HIS DEMARCHE SAYING 'THE U.S. CONGRESS DOES NOT DETERMINE THE RESULT OF ELECTIONS IN TURKEY' AND BY POINTING OUT THE CLOSENESS OF THE DEMIREL COALITION TO THE U.S. CONGRESS.. MAY SECURE MORE VOTES THAN HE MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED...IN THE OCTOBER 12 ELECTIONS."

4. ON CYPRUS BOTH THE MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET AND GUNAYDIN CARRIED NEW YORK DATELINED ITEMS FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES. AS REPORTED BY HURRIYET AND GUNAYDIN THE TIMES BLAMED TURKEY FOR THE BREAKDOWN IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. PRESUMABLY THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE CAVING INTO PRESSURE BEFORE AN ELECTION AND BEFORE THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED, THE TIMES REPORTEDLY SAID.

5. IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN MILLIYET, ABDI IPEKCI NOTED THAT TENSIONS HAD INCREASED AFTER THE BREAKDOWN OF THE TALKS AND DENKTASH'S TALK ABOUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE ON THE ISLAND. HE CONTINUED: "IF GREEK CYPRIOTS CONSIDER DENKTASH'S REMARKS AS A BLUFF, AND INTEND TO EXPLOIT THEM IN ORDER TO CONVINCE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION THAT THE TURKISH SIDE IS NOT SINCERE, THEY WILL COMMIT ANOTHER MISTAKE. IN FACT, NEITHER ANKARA NOR TURKISH CYPRIOTS PREFER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN CYPRUS... THE PRESSURE METHODS USED BY GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BACKFIRE...THE ARMS EMBARGO...DID NOT MAKE TURKEY SUBMISSIVE. ON THE CONTRARY IT RENDERED IT DIFFICULT TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE. IF THIS KIND OF PRESSURE INCREASES, THE CHANCES FOR A SETTLEMENT ON CYPRUS IWLL BE MORE DIFFICULT AND TURKEY WILL HAVE TO BECOME STIFFER."

6. ON NATO MATTERS, MEHMET ALI BIRAND IN MILLIYET REPORTED UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS OF FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AND HIS TALKS WITH SEC-GEN LUNS. BIRAND WROTE THAT CAGLAYANGIL TOLD LUNS THAT TURKEY WILL REVIEW ITS RELATIONS WITH NATO, AND THAT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR TURKEY TO FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS TO NATO UNLESS THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED. MACOMBER

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